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THE

NAMES

OF THE

MEMBERS

OF THE

Amicable Annuity-Company

OF THE

CITY of *DUBLIN.*

* *Thus marked are of the Committee.*

* THE Revd. Mr. Iſaac Weld, Regiſter,
* George Thwaits, Eſq;
* William Delamain, Eſq;
* Mr. David Johnſon,
* Mr. Ellis Price,

* Mr. Francis Gladwell,
* Mr. Francis James,
Mr. Samuel Burrowes,
Mr. John Kiſſac,
Mr. Thomas Scott,
Mr. James Armſtrong,
Mr. Andrew Moore,
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Mr. Alexander Cunningham,
Mr. John Gainble,
Mr. William Luffingham,
The Rev. Mr. William Mackay,
Mr. John Baxter,
Mr. George Parkinſon,
Mr. John Seaton,
Mr. Joſeph Hone,
Robert Tighe, Eſq;
Stearne Tighe, Eſq;
Mr. Richard Thwaites.

ARTICLES
OF
AGREEMENT

MADE, and agreed upon, the firſt Day of March, *One thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty four, between the ſeveral Parties, or Subſcribers, whoſe Names are hereunto underwritten, for erecting or forming themſelves into a Company, or Co-Partnerſhip, for raiſing a certain Capital Stock, or Fund in Money, and thereout providing certain Annuities, for the reſpective Widows of ſuch reſpective Underwriters, as ſhall die Members of, and in the ſaid Company; ſubject to, and under the ſeveral Conditions, Proviſoes, Limitations, or Regulations, in Manner and Form hereinafter for that Purpoſe made, agreed on, expreſſed or mentioned:* That is to ſay, 1ſt of *March* 1754.

I. IT is agreed, and concluded upon, by and between all the underwritten Parties, that their Company, or Society, ſhall, The ſubſcribing Parties to take the Name of the *Amicable Annuity Company* of *Dublin*.

shall, from and after the Execution of these Presents, immediately take upon it self the Stile and Name of the AMICABLE-ANNUITY-COMPANY of the City of *Dublin*. And that the said Company shall consist of thirty Persons, Protestants, and Residents in this Kingdom: Each of the first thirty paying the Sum of thirteen Pounds ten Shillings, upon his being admitted a Member, and registred.

To consist of 30 Members, Protestants and Residents in this Kingdom; each Member forthwith to pay 13 *l.* 10 *s.* as his Share of the Stock.

II. *Item*, That no Person shall be elected but by Ballot; and must have two thirds of the Electors, who shall be present, in his Favour: which Majority by Ballot shall determine all Elections, and establish all Rules, Fines, *&c.* Fifteen of the Company must be present to determine Elections, or to establish Rules, Fines, *&c.*

No Person to be elected but by Ballot.

And must have two thirds of the Electors in his Favour, which Majority by Ballot is to determine all Elections, and establish all Rules, Fines, *&c.*

Fifteen of the Company to be present.

III. *Item*, That each Member by annual Subscription shall pay the Sum of three Pounds ten Shillings, by Half yearly Payments: The first Payment to commence the first Day of *March*, One thousand seven hundred and fifty five; and that said Payments shall be regularly entered into a book for that Purpose,

Every Member to pay 3 *l.* 10 *s. per Annum*, by Half-yearly Payments.

The first Payment the 1st of *March* 1755.

And to be regularly entered into a Book.

Purpoſe, at the Half Yearly Meetings: And, at the ſame time, the neat Stock of the Company aſcertained in ſaid Book, and ſigned by the Members then preſent.

And the neat Stock of the Company ſettled at the Half-yearly Meetings, and ſigned by the Members then preſent.

IV. *Item*, That every Half yearly Meeting ſhall be publiſhed by the Regiſter, one Month before in the News-Paper, and continued to the Day of meeting. The Regiſter is likewiſe to ſummons every particular Member, that he is to pay his Subſcription on that Day. And if any Member do not pay in his Half Yearly Subſcription on ſuch Day of Meeting, ſuch Member ſhall be immediately expelled the Society.

Every Half-yearly Meeting to be advertiſed one Month in the News-Paper.

Every particular Member to have Notice in Writing, that he is to pay his Subſcription on that Day; or to be immediately expelled.

V. *Item*, That a Committee conſiſting of a Regiſter and Six other Members, ſhall be appointed annually, according to the ſecond Rule, who ſhall receive all Money, and Securities, paid into the Company; put out ſuch Sums to Intereſt on ſuch Securities as the Company ſhall approve of; pay the Annuitants, and other incident Charges; and ſhall be accountable for their Proceedings at the Half Yearly Meetings,

A Committee conſiſting of a Regiſter and ſix other Members to be appointed annually, for tranſacting the Buſineſs of the Company.

To be accountable for their Proceedings at the Meetings of the Company.

or any Time the Company ſhall think fit to call upon them. Any five ſhall conſtitute a Board.

No Member to receive any of the Fund Money, without the Conſent of the Regiſter and the Majority of the Committee.

It is further reſolved, that when the Company ſhall think fit to change their Securities, or to take up any Part of their Money lent upon Intereſt, that in this Caſe neither the Regiſter, nor any other Member ſhall be impowered to receive ſuch Money, unleſs the Regiſter and Majority of the Committee ſign their Names, and call for ſaid Money in the Name of the Society.

If a Regiſter ſhould die, and his Widow refuſe to deliver the Papers, &c. belonging to the Company, ſhe ſhall forfeit all right to her Annuity.

VI. *Item*, That in Caſe any Regiſter ſhould die during his Year, and his Widow refuſe to deliver up the Securities and Papers belonging to this Company, to the Committee, one Month after her Huſband's Death, within which Time the Committee are to apply for them, ſuch Widow ſo refuſing ſhall forfeit all Right to her Annuity. And if any Regiſter ſhall happen to Break, or ſtop Payment, and refuſe to give up the Papers and Securities to the Committee, which are the Company's Property, ſuch Regiſter ſhall be immediately expelled, and his Wife is to forfeit all Title to an Annuity after his Death.

If a Regiſter ſhould break and refuſe to give up the Papers and Securities in his Hand, to be immediately expelled, and his Wife to forfeit all Title to an Annuity after his Death.

VII.

VII. *Item*, That when a Vacancy ſhall happen by Death, or by a Member's refuſing to obey the Rules, the Candidate, upon pruducing his Certificate, that he doth not exceed the Age of forty five Years, ſhall then be propoſed one Month before he is admitted to Election: And ſhall pay one thirtieth Part of the Fund, or any other Proportion of it as ſhall be determined by the Company, before he is received as a Member, and regiſtered.

A Candidate to produce a Certificate, that he is not above 45 Years old.

To be propoſed one Month before Election.

And to pay ſuch a Proportion of the Fund as the Company ſhall determine.

VIII. *Item*, That any Member whoſe Reſidence ſhall be at ſuch a Diſtance from *Dublin*, as to preclude him from being uſeful to the Company, by his perſonal Service, ſhall pay one Guinea by the Year, over and above his annual Subſcription, and in caſe of Refuſal, ſhall forfeit his Intereſt in the Company's Fund, and his Place become vacant.

Every Member living at ſuch a Diſtance from *Dublin*, as to prevent his being uſeful to the Company, to pay a Guinea a year extraordinary; or elſe to be excluded.

IX. *Item*, That on the Death of a Member, who leaves a Widow, ſaid Widow ſhall be entitled to an Annuity of Forty Pounds *per Annum* from

On the Death of a Member, his Wife is intitled to an Annuity of 40 *l. per Annum*, during her Widowhood, on her producing proper Certificates.

from the Company during her Widowhood, upon her producing Certificates and Affidavits, as in the Caſe of Officers Widows: Which Annuity however from the Company ſhall not commence to be paid, till five Years ſhall have elapſed from the Day of the Eſtabliſhment of the Company. And after the Expiration of that Term, the Widow ſhall receive ten Pounds *ſterl.* on the firſt Day of the Half-yearly Meeting, which happeneth after her Huſband's Death: And then her full Annuity ſhall be paid Half-yearly by equal Portions.

But not to commence for the Term of five Years.

After which the Widow to receive 10 *l.* on the firſt Day of the Half-yearly Meeting after her Huſband's Death.

And then her full Annuity to be paid Half-yearly, by equal Portions.

It is alſo agreed, that the Company ſhall always keep up their Fund to, at leaſt, One Thouſand Pounds: And if, at any Time, the Number of Annuitants or Widows ſhould be ſo many, that the yearly Subſcription, and Intereſt of the Fund, ſhall fall ſhort of forty Pounds *per Annum*, the Members, who compoſe the Company, ſhall, in ſuch Caſe, make up the Deficiency, by increaſing their Subſcription.

The Capital Stock never to be leſs than 1000 *l.*

And Deficiencies to be made good by the Members increaſing their Subſcription.

X. *Item*, That every Member who is abſent after three o'Clock in the Afternoon (the Hour to be determined by the

Every Member who is abſent after three o'Clock at the Half-yearly Meetings to be fined Half a Crown.

the Majority of Watches in the Company) when ſummoned by the Regiſter, or Committee, to the Half-yearly Meetings, ſuch Member ſhall pay down without any Debate, a *Britiſh* Half Crown. And if any Member ſhall be abſent after five o'Clock, he is to pay, in like Manner, a *Britiſh* Crown, unleſs Sickneſs prevents him. And if any Member refuſes to pay either of theſe Fines, he is to be expelled the Society, and his Place deemed vacant.

And after 5 o'Clock a *Britiſh* Crown, unleſs Sickneſs prevents him.

And on Refuſal to be expelled.

In like Manner, if any Member of the Committee ſhall neglect to attend his Summons, at the Hour appointed, he ſhall be fined a *Britiſh* Half Crown, and no other Excuſe, than the abovementioned be admitted.

In like Manner a Member of the Committee when abſent to pay Half a Crown.

It is further agreed, that if any Member reſiding in *Dublin*, be duly elected one of the Committee, and ſhall refuſe to ſerve in that Capacity, he ſhall pay the Sum of ten Shillings, provided he hath not ſerved for three Years before.

If any Member when elected one of the Committee, ſhall refuſe to ſerve, muſt pay ten Shillings.

And if any Member ſhall refuſe to pay the Fine, in any or either of thoſe Caſes made and provided, he ſhall forfeit all Intereſt in the Company's Fund, and his Place become vacant as in

And on Refuſal to be expelled.

in Caſe of Death. The Regiſter to be always one of the Committee the Year following.

No Soldier or Mariner to be a Member.

XI. *Item*, That no Soldier nor Mariner, while he continues in the Service, ſhall be admitted a Member of the Company: And that any Member who ſhall engage in either Profeſſion, or reſide out of this Kingdom, ſhall, upon receiving one thirtieth Part of the Fund, be expelled the Company.

Every married Man when he is admitted a Member to declare when he was married, and the Time when, and the former Name or Names of his Wife, to be regiſtered in the Company's Books.

XII. *Item*, That any married Man, on his being admitted a Member, ſhall declare when he was married. And the Time of his Marriage, and the former Name, or Names of his Wife, ſhall be regiſtered in the Company's Books.

Any Member on his ſecond Marriage to pay ten Guineas, and regiſter his new Wife at the next Half-yearly Meeting after his Marriage, or be expelled.

XIII. *Item*, That any Member of this Society, who ſhall marry after the Death of his preſent Wife, ſhall pay to the Company's Fund ten Guineas. Said Member to pay the above Sum, and Regiſter his new Wife, at the next Half-yearly Meeting, after his Marriage, or be expelled the Society.

XIV.

XIV. *Item*, That no Law ſhall be enacted the ſame Day it is propoſed, unleſs it comes recommended by the unanimous Approbation of the Committee.

No Law to be made when propoſed unleſs recommended by the whole Committee.

XV. *Item*, That the Half-yearly Meetings, or general Meeting of the Company, ſhall be at the Bottle in *Meath-ſtreet*; but the Committee and Regiſter to meet any Place they ſhall judge moſt convenient.

The Company to meet in *Meath-ſtreet*, but the Committee where they pleaſe.

It is further agreed, that the firſt Day of every *March*, and the firſt Day of every *September*, ſhall be the Days of the Half-yearly Meeting, unleſs they ſhould fall on a *Sunday*: And in that Caſe, the Company are to meet the Day after.

The Company to meet every firſt of *March* and *September*;

XVI. *Item*, That Batchelors ſhall always have the Preference of being ballotted for. And when any Batchelor, who is a Member of this Society, ſhall marry, he is to regiſter his Wife at the next Half-yearly Meeting after his Marriage: otherwiſe ſaid Wife ſhall not be entituled to her Annuity.

Batchelors to be firſt ballotted for, and when they marry muſt regiſter their Wives, at the next Half-yearly Meeting.

XVII,

Widows to reſide in *Ireland:*

XVII. *Item*, That after the Deceaſe of the preſent Members Wives, the Wives of all other Members, who ſhall hereafter be left Widows, ſhall, during their Widowhood, reſide in *Ireland*.

And to make an Affidavit of the Time of their Huſband's Death, and that they are ſtill Widows.

To be certified alſo by the Miniſter and Church Wardens of the Pariſh in which they live.

And it is further agreed, that before any of the ſaid Widows receive their Annuities, they ſhall firſt make an Affidavit of the Time of their Huſband's Death, and that they are ſtill Widows, before a Juſtice of the Peace, a Judge, or Maſter in Chancery. Their Widowhood likewiſe to be certified by the Miniſter and Church-Wardens of the Pariſh wherein they reſide.

The Company may make By-laws,

And alter and repeal any already made when found inconvenient.

XVIII. *Item*, That at the Half-yearly Meetings the Company ſhall have a Power to make *By-Laws*, and that they ſhall be as binding as any other. As alſo a Liberty of altering or repealing any Laws already made, ſhould they any Time be found inconvenient, or ſuch Alteration appear fit or neceſſary.

In

In Witneſs that the above Articles and Rules are the true and real Meaning of this Society, the ſaid original Thirty Co-Partners, or Members, have hereunto ſubſcribed, and put their reſpective Names, and Seals, the Day and Year firſt above written.

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This acknowledgeth that Mr Robt Black was this Day duly admitted a Member of this Company, and that the Widow of ſaid Member ſhall be entituled according to the foregoing Deed. According to the Resolutions of the Compy on the 1st Sept. 1770 to the Sum of fifty pounds Ster. P annum

Signed by the Regiſter and Committee of ſaid Company, this second Day of March 1772

Geo Campbell
John Ludlow
Thos Kingsmill
D. Johnson
John Ellis